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In re Application of:

Frederick F. Becker et al.

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PROGRAMMABLE FLUIDIC

PROCESSING

Group Art Unit: 1753

Examiner: Noguerola, A.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 24, 2004

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004. The three-month response date is November 24, 2004.

Applicants do not believe that a fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R.

§§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct from Fulbright & Jaworski

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Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the application.

Applicants respond